

The VYOA's New Music Director



The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association welcomes **Ronald Braunstein** as the new Music Director and Conductor for the VYOA. A current resident of New York City, Mr. Braunstein most recently served as the Music Director of the Mannes Philharmonia at the Mannes School of Music. Previously, he served as the Music Director of the Juilliard School of Music pre-college orchestra for seven years.

"We are thrilled that Ronald Braunstein has accepted our offer to become the next Music Director of the VYOA," states John Davis, chair of the VYOA Board of Directors. He continues, "Ronald is a remarkable conductor and a caring educator who has spent much of the past two decades working with some of the world's most talented young musicians. He brings a wealth of energy and experience with him to Vermont and we look forward to watching our students advance musically under his leadership."

Mr. Braunstein is enthusiastic about his new appointment, stating, "I am exhilarated and honored to become the new Music Director of the outstanding Vermont Youth Orchestra Association. I plan to celebrate the orchestra's rich past while continuing to develop its technical prowess and instincts." He adds, "After spending my life in busy urban centers I am anticipating living in a quieter area where my roots can be replanted in a more nature-oriented environment."

Mr. Braunstein is a graduate of The [Juilliard School](#). Initially studying composition with Elliott Carter and Milton Babbitt, he later entered into the conducting program, and received his BFA in conducting. He has also studied at Fontainebleau and at the [Tanglewood Music Center](#), received a full scholarship at the [Salzburg Mozarteum](#), and has been awarded numerous grants from the [Rockefeller Foundation](#). His principal instructors have been Herbert von Karajan, Seiji Ozawa, Leonard Bernstein, and Nadia Boulanger.

Mr. Braunstein will move to Vermont this spring to begin preparing for the 2010-11 concert season. For additional information, please visit <http://ronaldbraunstein.com/> or call the VYOA office at 802-655-5030.

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